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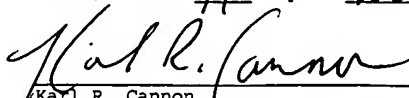
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional), dated August 8, 2004, which references the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed May 20, 2004, applicant responds as follows:

The drawings have been corrected to comply with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 as suggested by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and are enclosed herewith.

Certificate of Deposit Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the 19 day of November, 2004.


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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated May 20, 2004, be extended for four months until November 20, 2004. PTO Form 2038 is enclosed sufficient in amount to cover the extension.

Please debit any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

Dated this 19 day of November, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

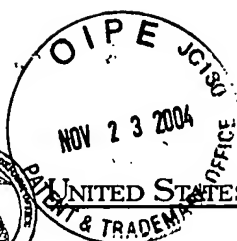

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 07/19/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 05/20/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1-9B.
 - The drawings have a line quality that is too light to be reproduced (weight of all lines and letters must be heavy enough to permit adequate reproduction) or text that is illegible (reference characters, sheet numbers, and view numbers must be plain and legible) see 37 CFR 1.84(l) and (p)(1)); See Figure(s) 4A.

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